

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable John W. Olver
Chairman
Transportation-HUD Appropriations Sub.
2358 Rayburn House Office Building
INSIDE MAIL

The Honorable Tom Latham
Ranking Member
Transportation-HUD Appropriations Sub.
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Dear Chairman Olver and Ranking Member Latham:

We are writing to request \$85 million in New Start/Rail funding for FY 2010 for the Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Project.

This project crossed a major hurdle earlier this year when the full funding grant agreement (FFGA) was signed by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the project sponsor, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. As you know, the FFGA commits the federal funding to the project. The request we are submitting reflects the amount designated in the FFGA funding schedule for FY 2010.


Mass transit in the Dulles corridor will not only help to create a balanced transportation system in northern Virginia, the second worst traffic congested region in America, it will also provide an important connection from the nation's capital to Washington Dulles International Airport. This project is critical to reducing traffic congestion, providing options to meet increasing travel demand, and preserving the area's quality of life.


Congressional funding to bring a mass transit system linking Metro's Orange Line to Washington Dulles International Airport was first approved in FY 1999. Additional funding has been appropriated each year since.


We appreciate your attention to this request.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,


Frank R. Wolf
Member of Congress


James P. Moran
Member of Congress


Gerald E. Connolly
Member of Congress